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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As shown in FIG. 2A, the network server 42 transmits the web page 70 to a user on client computer 14, 16, 18 to allow the user to send images 11 to the server 12. The user may add images to the web page by clicking on an add button 72. The web page 70 includes images 11a-11d that have been added to the web page 70 using the add button 72. The images 11a-11d depict overlapping segments of a view of a tree. The user may transmit each of the images 11a-11d by clicking on an upload button 74a-74d that corresponds to the image. The user directs the server 12 to create a panoramic image from the uploaded images by clicking on a create button 76, causing client computer 14, 16, 18 to transmit the images to the server 12 through the network 13. The input interface 44 of the network server 42 receives the images 11a-11d through the network interface 30 and conveys them to the image input interface 49, which in turn conveys the images 11a-11d to the image stitching software 48. The images stitching software

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